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SUBJECT:      Applicant:      Xiaoqing Zheng  
                 Serial No:      09/903,313  
                 Filed:        July 11, 2001  
                 For:            ROTARY FACE SEAL ASSEMBLY  
                 Examiner:      Pickard, Alison K.  
                 Group:        3676  
                 Docket No:      PKI-167J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, in the subject application, along with an Extension of Time Within The Third Month and a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the extension filing fee. As Monday, May 30, 2005 was a federal holiday, this response is timely filed on Tuesday, May 31, 2005. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Citation with one reference and a check in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee.

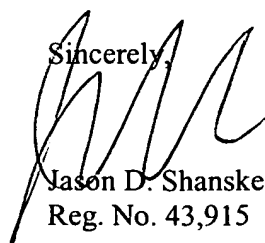
If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



Jason D. Shanske  
Reg. No. 43,915

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Enclosures